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PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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PILFERAGE OF NATURAL GAS AND OIL IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether natural gas and oil is being pilfered at large scales from gas and oil well of North Gujarat in connivance with the officers;

(b) the reaction of the Government in this regard; and

(c) the number of cases of such pilferage which have come to notice and the details of punishment given to the guilty persons during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c) Government has directed National Oil Companies (NOCs) to take all steps to stop pilferage of oil and gas from their installations. As far as Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) is concerned, the total number of theft / pilferage of crude oil cases detected / reported and number of persons arrested by ONGC Security / Police during the last three years including the current year in Gujarat are as follows: -

2006 - 36 cases - 68 persons arrested

2007 - 34 cases - 29 persons arrested

2008 (30.11.2008) - 48 cases - 53 persons arrested.

Criminal cases have been registered against all above persons with the jurisdictional Police Stations and the police has initiated action against them as per Law.